

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 22, 2009
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; GREG TAYLOR, RICH ZWICKER, TERRI BRIERE, KING PARKER, DON PERSSON, MARCIE PALMER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; BETTE ANDERSON, Library Director; JIM SEITZ, Transportation Planning Supervisor; DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL and COMMANDER DAVID LEIBMAN, Police Department.

**ADDED
PROCLAMATION**

Miss Washington Week -
July 5 to July 11, 2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring July 5 to July 11, 2009, to be "Miss Washington Week" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Janet Harding, reigning Miss Washington, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. She thanked the City for being so welcoming and all of the pageant volunteers, including Peggy Miller, Executive Director, who make the pageant a success. She remarked that the scholarship has afforded her an opportunity to attend college, and she invited City officials and residents to join in the pageant festivities July 5 - 11, 2009, being conducted in Renton.

PUBLIC HEARING

Transportation: 2010-2015 TIP

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2010-2015.

Peter Hahn, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation, reported that the TIP, required for State and Federal funding programs, details a multi-year work and funding plan for the development of transportation facilities, and it is used to coordinate projects and programs with other jurisdictions and as mandated by State law. He stated that the TIP supports Renton's Business Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and the Growth Management Act.

Continuing, Mr. Hahn highlighted 2009 projects, which included: completion of Duvall Ave. NE widening, Lake Washington Trail bike lane on Logan Ave. N, signal on NE Sunset Blvd. (SR 900)/Hoquiam Ave. NE, sidewalk on Jones Ave. NE, and the upcoming bid opening for the Shattuck Ave. S. improvements project. Mr. Hahn also highlighted ongoing projects that are just beginning, including retrofitting all signal indicators from incandescent to light emitting diode (LED), installing uninterruptible power supplies at approximately six

intersections, and installing school zone sign upgrades and additional equipment at Hazen High School and Talbot Hill Elementary School. He also mentioned receiving grant funds for the preliminary design of a pedestrian trail from the Renton Highlands to The Landing, in addition to other grant awards.

Mr. Hahn stated that of the total expenditures for the 2010-2015 TIP, \$53,486,481 is funded and \$74,064,030 is unfunded. In conclusion, he reviewed the various funding sources, options for unfunded needs, and the impacts that the declining economy has had on the TIP.

There being no public comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP 2010-2015) TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2009 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The I-405 Stage 1 project includes strengthening the "bin" retaining wall located between SW 16th St. and I-405 just east of Longacres Dr. This required work will involve the removal of the landscaping, including a number of trees, along 350 feet of the north side of SW 16th St. The clearing will begin this week. A robust landscaping and restoration plan has been developed that includes the planting of 35 six-foot Hogan Cedar Trees upon completion of the work of the retaining wall.
- ✱ The road closure and detours are almost over so citizens are encouraged to join their neighbors for a street party, Thursday, June 25, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Duvall Ave. NE between 18th and 19th streets. Hot dogs and lemonade will be sponsored by the City of Renton Neighborhood Picnic Program. There will be raffles, games for the children, and Fire and Police activities. The party is being held to thank area neighborhoods for their patience during the closure of Duvall Ave NE.
- ✱ The Renton Marketing Campaign participants, the City of Renton, the Renton Chamber of Commerce, and the *Renton Reporter* have partnered together to kick off the "Shop Renton, Buy Ahead of the Curve" campaign. The campaign is designed to help our local businesses survive and thrive and to help consumers save money, and everyone is encouraged to take part. Businesses who are participating in the Shop Renton campaign will display a "Shop Renton" decal in the window of their business. By posting the decal, they are committing to provide a discount or special offer to customers who present a "CurveCard." CurveCards will be attached to the front page of this Friday's *Renton Reporter*. The Shop Renton campaign runs through the end of the year, so get your CurveCard and "Buy Ahead of the Curve!"

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of 6/15/2009

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of 6/15/2009. Council concur.

Court Case: International Association of Firefighters Local 864, CRT-09-002

Complaint Charging Unfair Labor Practice filed by International Association of Firefighters, Local 864, represented by Michael A. Duchemin, Attorney at Law, with the Public Employment Relations Commission alleging employer interference with employee rights and refusal to bargain. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Library: King County Library System Interlocal Agreement

Community Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with the King County Library System defining rights and obligations of the parties in the event of annexation by the City to the King County Library System. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

CAG: 06-082, Rainier Ave Improvements Design, KPG Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to CAG-06-082, agreement with KPG, Inc., to extend the contract completion date to 6/30/2010. Council concur.

Utility: Phase I Surface Water Utility Storm System Mapping, Marshall Associates & BRH

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$132,646 with Marshall and Associates, Inc. in conjunction with Bush, Reed, and Hitchings, Inc. (BRH) to implement Phase I of the Surface Water Utility Storm System Inventory Mapping project. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Utilities Committee**

SAD: Central Plateau Interceptor Phase II

Utilities Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the Central Plateau Phase II Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Special Assessment District No. 0034 (Area) and No. 0035 (Frontage) be approved.

The Special Assessment District No. 0034 will establish new connection charges of residential dwelling units or equivalents shall pay a fee of \$351.95 per dwelling unit. Those properties are included within the boundary legally described in Exhibit "A" and which boundary is shown on the map attached as Exhibit "B."

The Special Assessment District No. 0035 will establish a sub-district within the Central Plateau Interceptor Phase II Special Assessment District consisting of properties fronting on the sewer. New connections of residential units or equivalents shall pay a fee of \$5,810.34 per dwelling unit. The properties to be assessed for the per unit frontage charge are described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. A map identifying the properties within the sub-district is attached as Exhibit "B." The properties located within this sub-district are subject to both charges (Area and Frontage).

In addition, simple interest will accrue at a rate of 5.30 percent for a period of ten years. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance finalizing the Central Plateau Interceptor Phase II Special Assessment District be presented for first reading. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 187 for ordinance.)

**Planning & Development
Committee**

Planning: 2009 Title IV
(Development Regulations)
Docket

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following docket items as recommended by the Planning Commission:

#D-02: Indoor Recreation Use

Allow "New" Indoor Recreation in the: Center Downtown (CD), Commercial Office (CO), Commercial/Office/Residential (COR) zones. Also, in the Industrial Light (IL) zone, but only in the Employment Area Valley. Additionally, in the Urban Center North 1 and 2 (UC-N1 and UC-N2) zones, but not freestanding unless integrated into a shopping center or mixed use development and provided parking is structured parking if located north of N. 8th St. Finally, in the Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zone, but only when less than 3,000 square feet in size.

#D-04: Commercial Setback Modifications

Allow small scale commercial projects, where site plan review is not required, to use site plan review as a process for reducing front yard setbacks.

#D-08: Stream Reclassifications

Reclass portions of Honey Creek and Maplewood Creek from Class III to Class II where salmonids are present. Also, to revise Title IV (Development Regulations) so that the way in which streams are reclassified is consistent; with the role of the Administrator specified and stating that the reclassification follows the legislative process.

#D-11: Live-Work Units

Allow Live Work units in the: Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zone, the Residential Fourteen Dwelling Units per Acre (R-14) zone when located along an arterial street, and the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone when located at least 150 feet from an arterial street. Also, to establish development standards for Live Work units. Standards are to include items such as: the commercial space be built to commercial code, the allowed commercial uses: Retail sales, on-site services, eat/drink establishments, maximum commercial space: 1,000 square feet, and require an internal connection between the commercial and residential space.

#D-12: Animals Modification

Discontinue the requirement of an Additional Animals Permit (AAP) for people with lot sizes that meet the established incremental standards. This only applies to domestic animals, not cats and dogs. To amend the additional lot size requirement for medium lot animals from 10,000 square feet to 7,500 square feet. Finally, to amend the small lot domestic animals definition to include ducks and geese.

#D-14: Temporary Uses

Create a tiered system for processing Temporary Uses. To include Tier I and Tier II. Additionally, to establish the standards regarding the tier structure and the criteria used to determine what tier applies to a requested temporary use. The fees for the two levels will be \$75 for Tier I and \$150 for Tier II.

#D-21: Down Lighting

Amend the regulations to require the use of downlighting for pedestrian and vehicular movement in the Design Districts. Lights used for things such as flags, airport signals, artwork, etc. are exempt from the requirement. Also, other decorative alternative lighting may be approved upon review and Administrative approval.

#D-23: ADU's

Allow detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) in the following residential zones: Resource Conservation (RC), Residential One Dwelling Unit per Acre (R-1), Residential Four Dwelling Units per Acre (R-4), Residential Eight Dwelling Units per Acre (R-8), Residential Ten Dwelling Units per Acre (R-10), and Residential Fourteen Dwelling Units per Acre (R-14) zones. Also, to establish development standards for detached Accessory Dwelling Units. Standards are to include items such as: allow ADU's only as accessory to detached single-family dwellings, limit the number of ADU's allowed per year to 50, require either the primary home or the ADU to be owner occupied, and building standards (side setbacks, height, etc.) will be the same as the primary dwellings.

#D-24: Bulk Standards and Definitions

Amend regulations so that building height is measured from finished grade, consistent with International Building Code (IBC). Also, revise the definition of Net Density to exempt trails from the calculations and exempt man-made slopes when reviewed and approved Administratively.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinances regarding these matters be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CED: Sunset Area Community Investment Strategy, Mithun

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the agreement with Mithun not to exceed \$65,000 to provide consulting services for development of a Community Investment Strategy for the Sunset Area of the Renton Highlands.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 284125 - 284298 and one wire transfer totaling \$2,332,651.64; and approval of 259 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 823 direct deposits totaling \$2,736,029.74. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Budget: 2009 Amendments

Finance Committee Chair Persson recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an amendment in the 2009 Budget appropriations in the amount of -\$7,611,289 with the total amended budget to be \$281,265,058. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 187 for ordinance.)

AJLS: Create Communications Division

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to create a consolidated Communications Division within the AJS Department, relocate the following positions and responsibilities to the Communications Division, and move the respective budget and staff resources to the new Division as part of the 2009 budget.

The positions include:

- Communication Specialist II from Mayor's Office
- Communications Specialist I and Communications Specialist II from Fire and Emergency Services Department
- Desktop Publisher from Community Services
- Form & Graphic Technician from Finance and Information Services
- Print Shop Operations including Print & Mail Coordinator and Print Operator
- Transition the function of video production and management of Channel 21 programming and associated resources from the City Clerk Division to the new Communications Division

There is no additional funding needed. The budget transfer for the actual remaining 2009 budget will be included as part of the mid-year budget adjustment ordinance.

The Committee further requested that the ordinance regarding this matter be prepared for first reading. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 7/6/2009 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2009 Amendments

An ordinance was read amending the 2009 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 5423, and thereafter amended by Ordinance Nos. 5441, 5451, and 5455, which decreases the 2009 Budget by \$7,611,289 resulting in a total amended budget of \$281,265,058. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/6/2009. CARRIED.**

SAD: Central Plateau Interceptor Phase II

An ordinance was read establishing an assessment district for sanitary sewer service for properties adjacent to and/or benefitting from the Central Plateau Interceptor Phase II and establishing the amount of the charge upon connection to the facilities. **MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/6/2009. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Community Event: Renton Rotary & Salvation Army Food Bank Fundraising Event

Councilmember Taylor announced that the Renton Rotary and Salvation Army Food Bank will be conducting their annual fundraising event on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. He stated that a screening of "Where God Left His Shoes," a movie that focuses on homelessness, will be aired. He noted that although the movie is free, donations and food contributions are expected.

Community Event: Benefit Concert for Communities In Schools of Renton

Councilmember Palmer announced that the EriAm Sisters will be performing a benefit concert for Communities in Schools of Renton (CISR) on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. She encouraged everyone interested in supporting CISR to attend.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Renton Highlands
Improvements

Howard McOmber (Renton) expressed his gratitude for the upcoming projects and improvements scheduled to occur in the Renton Highlands. He commented that the Highlands Taskforce had discussed the possibility of a pedestrian trail from the Highlands to The Landing and remarked that the trail would be a great benefit to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 7:41

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
June 22, 2009